



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING-BOYS' DEPARTMENT.

## THE OPEN SYSTEM

A California Reformatory Where Prisoners Are "State Students."

SUCCESS OF ELASTIC METHODS

Trades Are Taught and Rewards Stimulate Good Conduct.

A MORAL SENSE STIRRED

Written for The Evening Star.

A prison without bolts or bars. This is the California reformatory. It is not called a prison, nor does it look like one, nor are the inmates ever referred to as prisoners. They are simply students in the state school. This reformatory is at Whittier, a pleasant village founded by Quakers, about fifteen miles from Los Angeles. It is a beautiful country, surrounded by gardens, orchards, and the magnificent coast range. Its walls are white with snow in winter, and the eastern horizon of the Whittier school dates from 1891. Dr. Walter Lindley, a physician from Brooklyn, N. Y., who had given up a good practice to take his charge, was its first superintendent. He had made a study of eastern prisons and reformatories, but to him they were partial failures. Dr. Lindley has a heart as big as his adopted state. He believes with Victor Hugo that there is a spark of the divine in every man, if only it can be reached. His plan is to treat the child individually, to free him as much as possible from vicious surroundings and criminal suggestions. Students of prisons declare that this is the closest approach to the ideal that has so far been reached. It is certainly better than anything of the kind which has been attempted in the world. In the older states the directors and keepers of prisons are an ineffective, ill-paid, political lot. The Whittier establishment is on another basis. It is believed that to make first-class citizens out of warped material one must have first-class directors and keepers. College here is free, and the teachers of boys who are nominally bright and good, yet there is a more urgent need of skilled direction for the mentally stunted and morally unfortunate.

Almost an Ideal Prison. Children are taken at the University school from the ages of eight to eighteen, and may be held until they are twenty-one. There are no rules of the usual sort common in

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The keynote of success is occupation, constant occupation, mental and physical. Every lad acquires a common school education, has a military training and learns a trade. There is no question that thousands of these boys return to the world as well qualified to earn an honest livelihood as are the children of the well to do. There were over 100 graduates from this school in the army and navy in the Philippines alone at the time the American flag was raised. There are no more walls or other protections than in any other school or college. No guard is seen with a gun, there are no chains or gratings or any suggestions of a prison. The inmates are sent to Whittier at any age, but they may be paroled or discharged at any time, even at the age of fifteen. There is an average of 300 boys here at a time, and the atmosphere is one of freedom and industry.

Physical restraints are seldom necessary. There are watchmen in the dormitories, but they guard against fire and misconduct, rather than against escape. When a boy runs away and is caught his credits are taken away and he starts all over again. A boy who is rebellious or who endangers the discipline of the school may be locked up on bread and water for two or three days, but this is rarely done. The common punishment is to deprive him of certain privileges, or to make him walk a beat without speaking to any one. During the entire year it may be necessary to whip about twenty-five of the boys. For months at a time, however, no such punishment is administered. The whipping must be done in presence of the superintendent, and eight or ten blows are enough. The girls are never whipped. They are locked up, or put on the guard line, when refractory.

Care to Avoid Contamination. Everything possible is done to keep

the inmates from contamination. Tramps are never allowed to come near Whittier. These men are perverts of the worst type, and not a few of the boys reach Whittier because at some time they have fallen under the influence of a bad man. Many of the boys and a few of the girls are cigarette fiends. The officers are generally able to tell when the boys have succumbed to the temptation of the habit, but are not allowed to smoke, and the girls are not allowed to use tobacco. The greatest number of them have attended school for only five years.

Buildings Are Needlessly High. In its situation the Whittier school could hardly be improved upon. The building itself, however, is old-fashioned. It was con-

structed by a man who believed that a certain amount of architectural display was necessary in any public building. With all outdoors to spread in, he piled up his walls to a height of four stories, thereby imposing on the little fellows the necessity of climbing a lot of needless stairs. There are no cells, except two or three that are used only for refractory pupils, all the

performance of the boys at review and command, and their hand in the use of martial pride as it goes crashing and roaring down the line, past the stars and stripes, and the boys are called as they are called, and eligibility to these offices, as well as the trust and responsibility imposed on those who are promoted to them, are stimulants to good conduct and diligence. Every summer the whole command goes into camp at Santa Catalina Island, a beautiful island, five miles from Los Angeles. There they spend time for bathing, boating, games, athletics, football and music. And the youngsters, far from being restrained, are encouraged to indulge in their sports, because it is found that when their vitality has due outlet they are in better health and spirits, more tractable and make better progress in their studies. It is especially desired that they should be at the end of their day's work, because they sleep better afterward.

Inmates Are Very Well Fed. Talking is forbidden during study and work hours, as it is in schools that are reformatory in character, but it is permitted in the playgrounds. Imagine tag or base ball without talk at meal times and in the evening. The well being of the inmates is likewise advanced by a liberal and varied diet, and the large orchards that surround the school provide a plenty of fruit for the tables without cost. There is a special diet of fare for each day and the dietary includes bread, eggs, sausage, steak, milk, and coffee, while on holidays there are turkey and roast pig. Despite the ravages of several hundred active appetites it is possible for an inmate to earn a little money—more than he or she would be apt to earn outside. In addition to board and lodging, the surplus is perhaps not more than 75 cents a week, but even this is an incentive to industry and the money can be put into bank, either to pay for a vacation or to withdraw for approved expenditures, as occasion may demand. One boy when paroled had over \$30 to spend and several have had \$10 and thereabout. There is an excellent

library, and the pupils are encouraged in a wide use of books.

The Whittier school has, without question, begun a great reform. The dawn of a day of justice has appeared, and the duty of the state to itself and

to the offender. Sharp measures will still be needed against those who waver between right and wrong, and those who are never felt to be a part of a moral sense. The hoodlums, for instance, who vex the American cities, the hoodlums of London, the Larrikins of Australia, need prompt discouragement, or else the law will be a mere mockery.

MANILA'S FIRE CHIEF. How He Came to Be Appointed by a Civil Service Commissioner.

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## JOY AND GLADNESS

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How the Day Was Celebrated in Past Administrations.

STRIKING CONTRASTS

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